

About the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme: The Word of the LORD

- *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* -

**B**y the LORD's own word, Jeremiah received the astonishing news of his commission: he had been set apart before birth and appointed as prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah) But what would he say? He was only a child. The LORD touched Jeremiah's mouth, planting His own powerful words for Jeremiah's human lips to speak. So it was that Jesus continued His public ministry by establishing Capernaum as its center. Rejecting Him as all the prophets before Him, even evil spirits threatened His life. But Jesus went on His way, preaching the Word of Life. Within the complex body of Christ, each individual gift is indispensable to the whole. (1 Corinthians) Yet the greatest gift is Love - the Love of God the Father in His son by means of His Spirit. Though faith and hope and love remain for now, only love will last for all eternity.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

<b>Sunday</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 When did the LORD set apart Jeremiah to be His prophet? What was Jeremiah's objection? What was the LORD's response? How did He equip Jeremiah as His spokesman? What was his job description? How is this done among us today? What does this mean?
<b>Monday</b>	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13 What diverse parts are there in the body of Christ? What is the most excellent of all the gifts of God's Spirit? List the characteristics of Love; why does Love continue forever? When will we see fully what we now know only by faith? What kind of love lasts forever? Where do we get it? What does this mean?
<b>Tuesday</b>	Luke 4:31-44 Where does Jesus now teach and heal? Why in the synagogue? Why were the people amazed? What do these two episodes teach us about Jesus' true identity? How does He preach and teach His people today? What does this mean?
<b>Wednesday</b>	Psalms 71:1-6 In whom does the psalmist take refuge? Why? How? How does one 'lean' on the LORD from before birth? What does this mean?
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8 What did Isaiah see in the temple the year that King Uzziah died? What was the song of the angels? When and how does the church's liturgy echo that song? What was Isaiah's reaction to this vision? Why? In what dramatic way did the LORD purge away Isaiah's sin? By what means does He purge away our sin? What call did the LORD have for Isaiah? For us? What does this mean?
<b>Friday</b>	1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 Which are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that build up His church? When and how does the church pray and sing with both mind and spirit? How do you praise God in your worship? How do you build up your fellow Christians in worship? How can this Biblical insight lend vitality to your time "in church?" What is a childish attitude toward worship? What is a mature attitude toward worship? How is this done?
<b>Saturday</b>	Luke 5:1-11 What was Jesus doing at the Lake? How does the church continue her Lord's work of preaching and teaching? What was unusual about Jesus' fishing instructions? Why was Peter astounded at the results of this fishing expedition? How did Peter respond to the Holiness of Jesus? How did Jesus absolve Peter? How does He absolve us? Why did the disciples beach their boats? What commission did Jesus give them? How is this done among us? What does this mean?